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1. Preliminary Statements
2. Forms PTO 1449 (now PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
3. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
4. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items
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**Section 1. Preliminary Statements**

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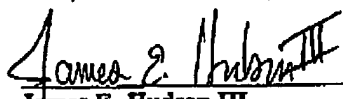
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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement and the documents referred to as attached thereto are being transmitted on the date shown below, via facsimile to: (703) 872-9306.

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PTO Form 1449 is attached hereto.

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**Section 4. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items**

Stuffed toys are often closed by sewing closed a singular outer opening. Various methods of closing stuffed toys are known in the art and include:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,685,532 issued February 3, 2004 to McLean

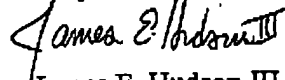
Discloses a method of closing with a zipper that includes a movable slide. A string is used to prevent the slide from being locked until the plush is filled and the aperture is closed. The string is removed by cutting it, maintaining the slide in a locked state.

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The person making this statement is:

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Respectfully submitted,

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